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MEDIA REACTION FOR JULY 14--

COVERAGE OF UNESCO, IAPA MEETINGS DIMINISHED SLIGHTLY FROM YESTERDAY AS PAPER COVERED PARTIAL RECONCILIATION OF IAPA WITH UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL 'BOW, VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ' SUPPORT OF UNESCO, COMMITTEE ON FREEDOM OF PRESS, AND FONMIN GONZALO FACIO. LA NACION PUBLISHER HOSTED IAPA MEMBERS AT A DINNER AND COVERED THE EVENT PROMINENTLY. FALSE AFP STORY ON M'BOW HEART ATTACK PLAYED UP BY SOME DAILIES.

SENSATIONALIST AFTERNOON TABLOID LA HORA RAN FRONT PAGE DENUNCIATION OF IAPA, CLAIMING IT "IS HERE TO MAKE SURE THE STATUS QUO IS PRESERVED IN WHICH UNDER THE CLOAK OF "DEFENDING THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF MAN," WHAT GETS DEFENDED ARE THE EXPLOITATIVE INTERESTS OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE." LA HORA CARRIED NO COVERAGE OF THE MEETINGS.

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PRO-GOVERNMENT EXCELSIOR REFLECTED EDITORIALY ON
"THE PROBLEM THAT CONFRONTS SMALL COUNTRIES... WHEN
THEIR ONLY INFORMATION COMES BY WAY OF BIG COUNTRIES."
DESCRIBING COPIOUS NEWS FROM U.S. PRESIDENTIAL RACE,
EXCELSIOR ASKED, REFERRING TO COSTA RICAN PRESIDENTIAL
CAMPAIGN, "ARE WE, THE COMMUNICATORS, WORRYING ABOUT
INFORMING OUR COMPATRIOTS ON THE PERSONALITIES,
BACKGROUNDS, INTERESTS, IDEAS, PURPOSES AND BIOGRAPHIES
OF THOSE WHO ARE ASPIRING TO GOVERN US HERE? ARE WE...
'COVERING' THOSE MEN WITH THE SAME INTENSITY AS WE ARE
COVERING CANDIDATES IN THE U.S. THROUGH THE CABLES?"
"ARE WE PERHAPS PAYING TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO WHAT
COMES TO US ALREADY PACKAGED?"

LEADING DAILY LA NACION EDITORIALY CRITICIZED MEXICAN
BACKING OF UCCNDA SUTEBBE RAID. "WHO VIOLATES MORE
A CHARTER, A PRINCIPLE, OR HUMANITY'S MOST BASIC
SENSIBILITIES: HE WHO DEFENDS HIMSELF FROM TERROR, OR
HE WHO USES IT SYSTEMATICALLY FOR EXTORTION? AGAINST
WHAT SHALL THE WORLD REACT
MORE: AGAINST THE UNACCEPTABLE
PRACTICE OF TERRORISM, OR AGAINST THE RIGHT OF
LEGITIMATE SELF DEFENSE? NOW MORE THAN EVER
WHATEVER GOOD SENSE IS LEFT IN THE WORLD HAS BEEN PUT
TO THE TEST"

SPANISH AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.
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